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Iowa Milk Production

Iowa: Milk production in Iowa in October 2009 totaled 363 million pounds, unchanged from October 2008. The average number of milk cows, 215,000 head, was unchanged from October 2008. Production per cow averaged 1,690 pounds, also unchanged from October 2008.

United States: Milk production in the 23 major States during October totaled 14.3 billion pounds, down 1.1 percent from October 2008. September revised production at 14.0 billion pounds, was down 0.5 percent from September 2008. The September

revision represented an increase of 16 million pounds or 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,721 pounds for October, 21 pounds above October 2008.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.32 million head, 196,000 head less than October 2008, and 22,000 head less than September 2009.

Milk Cows and Production: By Selected States, October 2008-2009

State	Milk Cows ¹		Milk Per Cow ²		Milk Production ²		
	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	Change from 2008
	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	Pounds	Pounds	Million Pounds	Million Pounds	Percent
AZ	186	166	1,835	1,840	341	305	-10.6
CA	1,845	1,767	1,835	1,815	3,386	3,207	-5.3
CO	130	116	1,890	1,930	246	224	-8.9
FL	119	113	1,225	1,260	146	142	-2.7
ID	554	546	1,870	1,870	1,036	1,021	-1.4
IL	102	101	1,490	1,550	152	157	3.3
IN	166	168	1,625	1,680	270	282	4.4
IA	215	215	1,690	1,690	363	363	
KS	118	112	1,720	1,750	203	196	-3.4
MI	353	355	1,845	1,860	651	660	1.4
MN	466	469	1,555	1,585	725	743	2.5
MO	110	105	1,180	1,170	130	123	-5.4
NM	334	317	1,920	2,020	641	640	-0.2
NY	625	614	1,620	1,625	1,013	998	-1.5
OH	278	276	1,510	1,570	420	433	3.1
OR	115	114	1,615	1,625	186	185	-0.5
PA	549	539	1,570	1,600	862	862	
TX	428	413	1,625	1,720	696	710	2.0
UT	85	83	1,765	1,780	150	148	-1.3
VT	139	134	1,490	1,495	207	200	-3.4
VA	97	95	1,435	1,485	139	141	1.4
WA	245	240	1,920	1,940	470	466	-0.9
WI	1,253	1,258	1,625	1,675	2,036	2,107	3.5
23-State Total ³	8,512	8,316	1,700	1,721	14,469	14,313	-1.1

¹ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh. ² Excludes milk sucked by calves. ³ As of February 2009, the 23 States are Arizona, California, Colorado, Florida, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, New Mexico, New York, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, and Wisconsin.